

April 8, 2009

Ms. Laura E. Sinram  
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Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Ohio Republican Party State Central & Executive Committee

Identification Number: C00162339

Dear Laura:

This correspondence is in response to your audit letter dated March 11, 2009, concerning the above referenced party requiring a response by April 10, 2009. Your report pertains to an Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (October 16, 2008 through November 24, 2008), received December 18, 2008. This correspondence, along with the associated amendments referred to herein, should constitute a complete response to your issues. In the event you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

1. You questioned transfers we reported as received from the National Republican Congressional Committee which you were unable to locate on their report. Please be advised we are amending our report to correct the transfer received 10-22-2008 from the Kentucky Republican Party not the National Republican Congressional Committee. A second on 10-27-08 was correctly reported received from the National Republican Congressional Committee. I assume, without further detail from you, these are the two transactions in question.

2. You highlighted two contributors who may have exceeded the contribution limits as set forth pursuant to Act. 2 U.S.C. Sec. 441a(f) and 11 CFR Sec. 110.1(c). Please be advised we have amended our report to reflect amounts contributed by Suzanne Tomsich as \$9,780.00 on 09/08/08 and \$220.00 on 10/22/08. The 09/08/08 contribution was incorrectly originally reported as \$10,000.

A \$10,000 contribution received on 10/24/08 from George Strike was inadvertently reported twice. The report has been amended to correct and delete the duplicate. There were no contributions in excess of limits requiring a refund or reattribution of any amounts.

3. You highlighted several contributors who may have exceeded the contribution limits as set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. Sec. 441a(f) and 11 CFR Sec. 110.1(d). Please be advised the contribution received on 11/14/08 from Wellpoint, Inc. WellPAC was for the Steve Stivers for Congress recount. CFR Sec. 100.91 states that " deposit of money...with respect to a recount of the results of a Federal election is not a contribution " Therefore, we do not feel this contributor was over the limit and, as a result, no change to our report is required.

A refund will be issued in the amount of \$2,500 to HBI-PAC, Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Political Action Committee (C00165589). We will forward a copy of the check to the Commission as well as report the expenditure on the appropriate report.

4. We have amended our report as requested to describe the receipts totaling \$1,691.25 from the State of Ohio to the State of Ohio Tax Check Off fund.

5. You requested our report be amended to report correct aggregate year-to-date totals for several individuals you

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